

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

VARRIN et al.

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Appln. No.: 10/762,500

Examiner: Unassigned

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IMPROVED SCALE CONDITIONING AGENT AND TREATMENT METHOD

February 26, 2004

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment Hon. Commissioner of Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: